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Fire Department Testing Orientations Scheduled

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(Sedgwick County, Kansas) – Testing orientation sessions for future fire department applicants will be held on July 9, 10 and 11 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm at Sedgwick County Fire Station #38, located at 1010 N. 143rd St. East.

The testing, known as CPAT (Candidate Physical Ability Test), is a standardized test developed by the Department of Justice. It uniformly administers physical testing for firefighters to ensure that candidates possess the necessary abilities to perform critical job skills. The training includes practical application of skills involving equipment – pulling a fire hose, raising and lowering ladders, crawling through confined spaces, climbing stairs, "rescuing" a dummy, carrying equipment and more.

Physical ability is just one component involved in the highly competitive hiring process for new firefighters. All candidates taking the physical test have already passed a written test; those who successfully complete the testing course may be given a personal interview as well. New firefighters will begin work in 2002.

For more information, contact Rick Brazill or Larry Tagney during the orientation sessions at the testing site.

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